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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the electric power steering apparatus, a supporting mechanism for supporting a steering assist motor on a stationary member comprises: a projection provided at one end of a motor housing; a recess provided at the stationary member, into which said projection is inserted; a movement permitting portion for permitting relative movement of the projection in the recess; and a slip-off portion from where the projection slips off said movement permitting portion. When impact energy of a primary crash and/or a secondary crash is applied to the motor housing, support of the motor on the stationary member is automatically released by rotating said motor housing.

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